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Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the United States Patent and Trademark Office Action, made final, having a mailing date of April 24, 2006 with respect to the above-identified Application.

Applicant does not believe that any extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 is required with this communication. However, any necessary extension fees may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-3756.

**Amendment to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begin on page 2 of this paper. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested. The amendment neither presents new matter nor raises new issues which would require additional search by the examiner.

**Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.**